

CROYDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY

NOTES OF THE MEETING 14.10.14.

Vice President Alan Holverson opened the meeting at 19.45 hours and welcomed 21 members and one guest. He invited **Derek Mauri** to present his display on **the American Civil War**.

Derek gave a brief description of the political situation in the USA in the 1860's (25 states as a union) with certain states free of slaves and other southern states having slaves to work on the farms. The 1864 conference of the Democratic Party, at which Abraham Lincoln was elected as President and slavery was disapproved, was the origin of the four-year Civil War as states disagreed over the basic principal of slavery.

The first half of the meeting was a thematic display of various material illustrating the major battles and activities of the four years of hostility. The material included commemorative stamps, pictures, banknotes and posters which gave a basic picture of the history of the time.

The second part of the evening consisted principally of letters from soldiers and affected citizens from the Confederate States. The letters were clearly written up illustrating the battles and their effects on society and life in general. Many letters identified individual regiments and principal individuals, including naval units based on the islands off-shore.

The evening was much enjoyed by the members and Vice President Alan gave the vote of thanks with the meeting closing at 21.45 hours.

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